

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An implant abutment for attaching a ceramic dental prosthesis within a patient's mouth, comprising:
a core; and
a ceramic cuff surrounding the core, wherein the cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

2. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 1, wherein the core is formed of a metallic material.

3. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 2, wherein the metallic material is titanium or a titanium alloy.

4. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A dental implant restoration system comprising:
an implant fixed within a patient's jaw;
an abutment having a core and a ceramic cuff surrounding the core, fixed to the implant; and

a ceramic dental prosthesis fixed to the abutment, wherein the abutment cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.

9. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a dental implant restoration comprising: fixing an implant within the jawbone of a patient; fixing an abutment having a core and a ceramic cuff surrounding the core, to the implant; and fixing a ceramic dental prosthesis to the abutment, wherein the abutment cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.

14. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The product of claim 1, wherein the abutment comprises no more than two pieces.

18. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment comprises no more than two pieces.

19. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the abutment comprises no more than two pieces.